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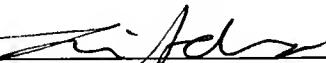
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**AMENDMENT WITH REMARKS FOR FILING WITH RCE**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the final Office Action dated August 24, 2007. This amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.